

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. By bringing attention to this serious issue, I hope that we can make progress to break the cycle of violence.

Not long ago, in communities across Nevada and our Nation, domestic violence was a problem that was kept silent. Fortunately, by raising awareness of this issue, we are making great progress in breaking that silence. Today, we can see notable progress in recognizing this problem as an epidemic that affects every community. Still, there is much work to do to heal the wounds and end the violence.

Each year, more than 32 million Americans are affected by physical, sexual, or psychological harm. Sadly, much of this harm occurs at the hands of those they should be able to trust the most—current and former partners and spouses. Twenty-nine percent of women and 22 percent of men will directly experience harm from domestic violence during their lifetime. Many experts think that these numbers are drastically underrepresentative as well because many victims do not report these crimes.

That is why we must do more. We can address the problem by supporting shelters and organizations with our financial resources and our time. In Nevada, for instance, domestic violence centers report lengthy waiting lists—for space in the shelter, for treatment programs for batterers, and for victim counseling. Many shelters lack sufficient provisions like personal care products, clothing, and children's and medical supplies.

We must also dispel the myths surrounding domestic violence. It does not discriminate. Its perpetrators hide behind many different faces. Its victims answer to many different names. Domestic violence crosses all racial, economic, and societal barriers. It affects the strong as well as the weak.

Of course, my home State of Nevada is not immune from the tragic effects of domestic violence. I would relate the story of Ana Outcalt, who was murdered at the hands of her boyfriend, even after she had obtained a restraining order against him. Ana's sister, Maria, tells this story whenever she gets the chance in the hope that she may be able to help others.

I am proud to report that many other individuals and organizations in Nevada are working passionately this month to increase understanding of this devastating problem. On October 12, 2006, for example, Safe Nest will be holding an interfaith candlelight vigil in Las Vegas to celebrate survivors of domestic violence and remember its victims like Ana Outcalt. On October 21, 2006, the Family Development Foundation will be hosting its Community United for Healthy Families event, which is open to the public free of charge. On October 23, 2006, S.A.F.E.

House in Henderson, NV, is holding its annual golf tournament with all proceeds benefiting the organization.

I have been a longtime supporter of legislation aimed at eradicating violence from our Nation's homes, including the Violence Against Women Act. But I encourage Members of this body and Americans nationwide to do more. We should all view Domestic Violence Month as an opportunity to help prevent this problem.

Today, I am pleased to recognize Domestic Violence Month and the efforts of many organizations across Nevada who work to stop the violence in our communities. Together, we can make a difference on this important issue and break the cycle of violence.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEVADA NORTHERN RAILWAY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the centennial of the Nevada Northern Railway. September 29 marks the 100-year anniversary of the completion of the railway from Cobre to Ely, NV. Numerous events are planned at the Nevada Northern Railway Museum this weekend to commemorate this special day, including a reenactment of the driving of the Copper spike, which originally signaled the completion of the Nevada Northern Railway to Ely, NV.

Nevada's early growth as a State would not have been possible without our Nation's mighty railroads. Towns like Ely changed from sparse camps to real towns when tracks were laid into areas that were previously accessible only by horse or on foot. In 1904, the Nevada Consolidated Copper Company brought Nevada Northern Railway to life in order to move valuable copper ore that had been discovered in the region. And with that new connection to the outside world, a new chapter began in the life of Ely and of all the communities in eastern Nevada.

During its 77 years of service the Nevada Northern Railway carried ore, passengers and express deliveries between Ely, Cobre and McGill, but in 1983 the operation was closed and the railway stood still. Since that time, the people of Ely have worked to preserve this unique part of their history. Through the efforts of countless volunteers and staff they have turned this once vacated railway complex into a unique enterprise and popular destination for railroad enthusiasts and history buffs alike.

One of the most distinct aspects of the Nevada Northern Railway is that the original buildings, equipment, rolling stock and the majority of the company's early paper records still survive today. Walking through the Machine Shop and Engine House one can still find safety signs and employee notices that were posted on the wall during the presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

I was so pleased, Mr. President, to see the Nevada Northern Railway des-

ignated as a National Historic Landmark this week—just in time for the centennial celebration. This designation is the highest such recognition accorded by our Nation to historic sites and will place the Nevada Northern Railway in distinguished company. This recognition is well deserved.

I thank all those who have made this listing possible—the National Park Service, Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne, the staff and volunteers for the Nevada Northern Railway, the people of Ely, Ron James, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer, and many others.

The Northern Nevada Railway is an incredible asset for Nevada and the Nation. Hundreds of people will gather in Ely this weekend to talk about the past of this great site and to lay plans for the future. I wish them well, and I share their appreciation for this incredible piece of Nevada's history.

COMMENDING CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERT E. ROSE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize an exceptional member of my community and a close friend, Nevada Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert E. Rose. Justice Rose has been a tremendous asset to Nevada as a long-standing member of our legal community and, for the past 18 years, a Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court.

Justice Rose was recently recognized for his outstanding commitment to civil liberties. The American Civil Liberties Union of Nevada presented Chief Justice Rose with the Emilie Wanderer Civil Libertarian of the Year Award. The award, named after one of the first women admitted to the Nevada Bar Association, is given in honor of career achievement in the area of civil liberties and reflects the collective decision of representatives of Nevada's criminal defense, civil liberties, civil rights attorneys, and civil rights activists.

Chief Justice Rose is a worthy recipient of this award, and it is fitting that he should be recognized for his accomplishments to promote justice in Nevada. Serving three times as Chief Justice of the Nevada Supreme Court, he has a reputation in the legal community and on the Court as a reformer. Among the ways Justice Rose promoted the rule of law in Nevada, are the Nevada Jury Improvement Commission and the Blue Ribbon Judicial Assessment Commission. The Assessment Commission conducted a broad study of the judicial system and recommended improvements; many of those improvements have greatly advanced the Nevada justice system.

During his legal career in Nevada, spanning from his days as a law clerk for the Nevada Supreme Court to his present position as a three-term chief justice of the court, Justice Rose has had a profound impact on Nevada. He was my successor as Nevada's lieutenant governor, and his work presiding